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SUBJECT: MVN-2004-3954-CQ

PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received by the District engineer for a Department of the Army permit to authorize the following pursuant to (X) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403).

PROPOSED RENOVATION WORK OF EXISTING DOCK FOR RIVER HIGHLANDS MARINA, ALONG AMITE RIVER DIVERSION CANAL IN ASCENSION PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: G & L, Inc., c/o Compliance Consultants, Inc., Attn: Mary Field, 14666 South Harrell's Ferry Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located along the right descending bank of the Amite River Diversion Canal (ARDC), at 1191 River Highlands Drive, approximately 0.1 mile west of the intersection of the Petit Amite River and the ARDC, near St. Amant, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Upgrade an existing dock (River Highlands Marina) through the installation and maintenance of forty-three (43) 12-inch diameter pilings to construct covered boat storage for public use along the Amite River Diversion Canal. The pilings will be installed to support roof structures for the covered boat slips proposed in the marina. The proposed boat slips extend approximately 25-feet channelward. The existing dock currently consists of a walkway with some pilings for boat mooring. The proposed restoration work includes replacement of pilings, repairing the existing dock, and construction of boat slip roofs over the slips. All work is proposed to be performed by a shallow draft work barge. No dredging is proposed under the current proposal. A portion of the covered boat docks and marina structure was previously authorized under MVN-2004-3954-CY on March 17, 2005. No special aquatic sites will be affected by this project; no mitigation is anticipated.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close **15 days** from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone

having interest in this permit must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. **Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.**

The decision as to whether a permit will be issued will be based on an evaluation of the impact of the proposed work on navigation and national security.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

The proposed activity is located in areas known to be utilized by the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). Utilizing Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect this species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not

have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

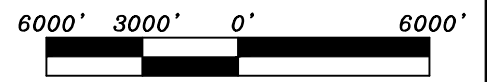
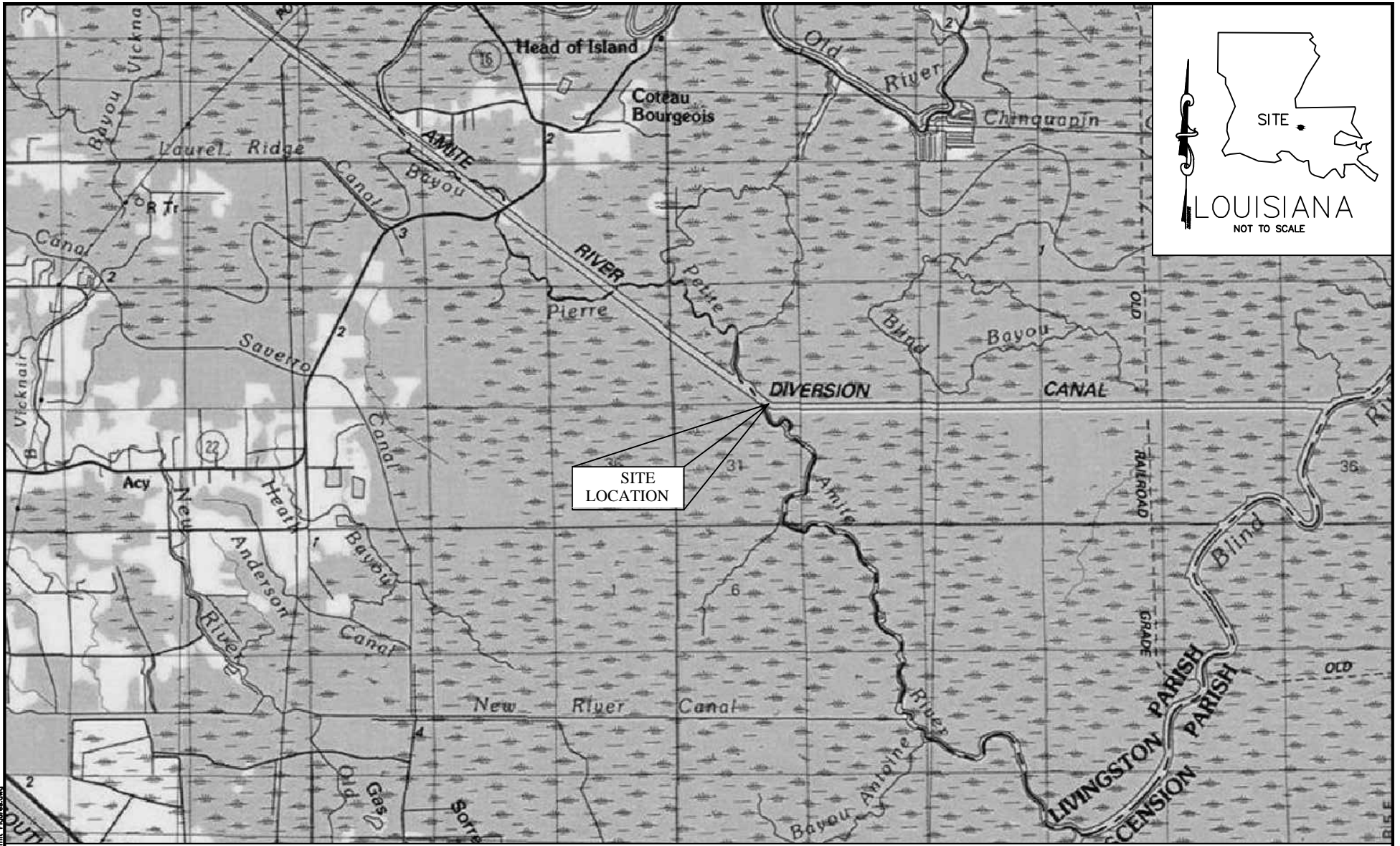
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

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Enclosures



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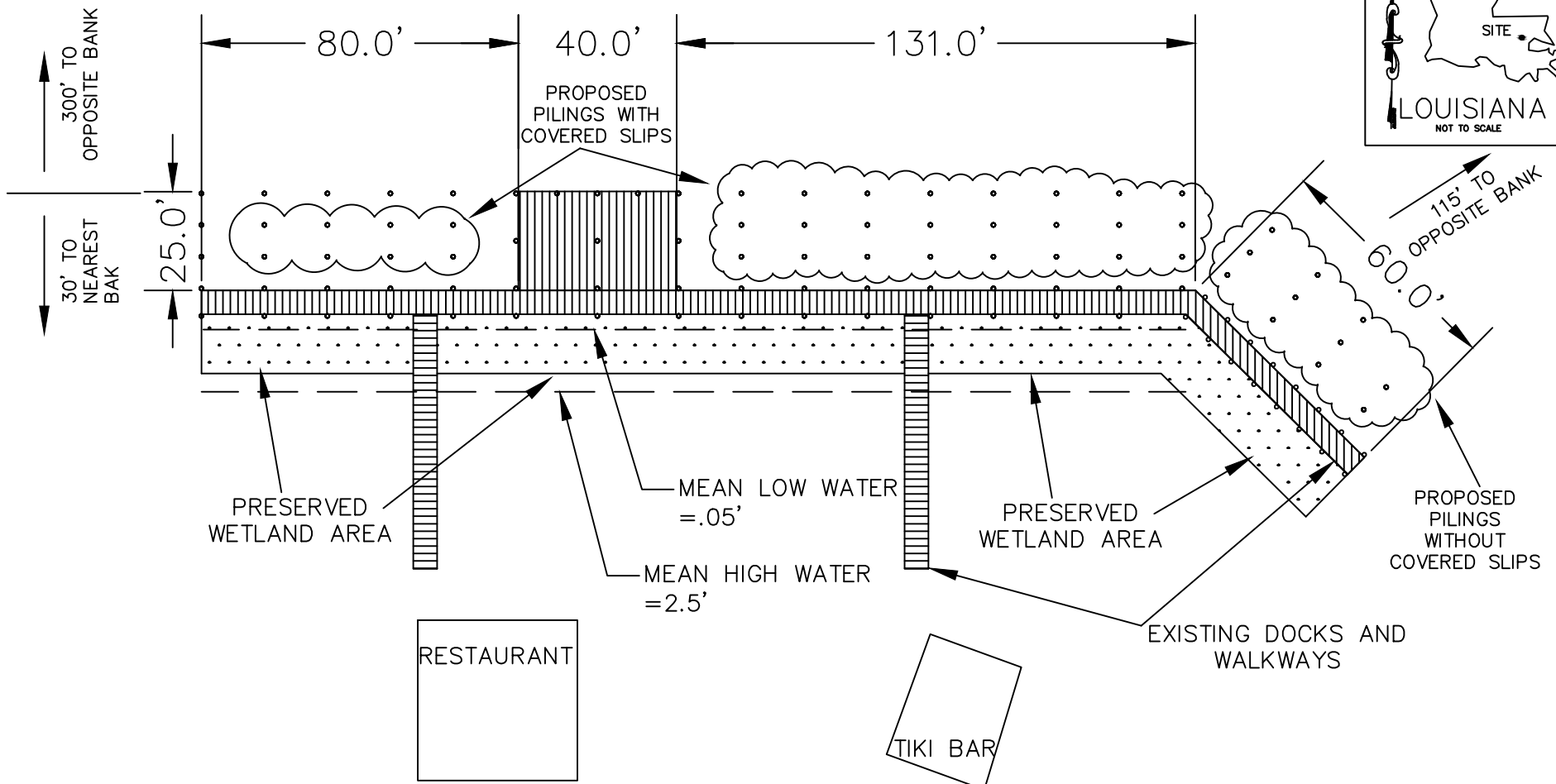
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VICINITY MAP
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FIGURE
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- NOTES:**
1. PROPOSED PILINGS ARE SHOWN IN CLOUD. ALL OTHER PILINGS ARE EXISTING.
 2. PREVIOUS PERMIT: MVN2004-3954-CY

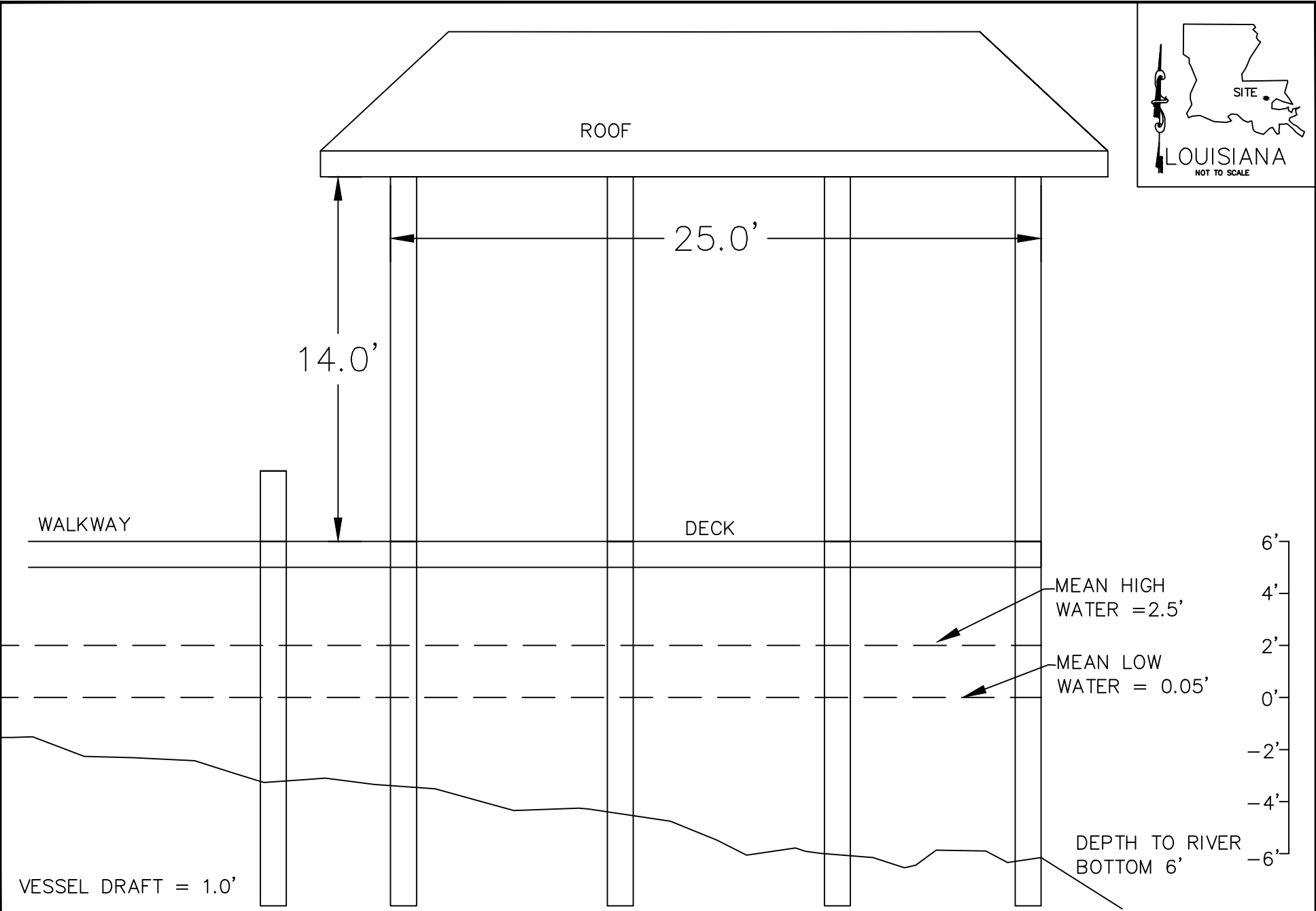


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